

# Princeton Public Schools Preschool Program

## A walk through of the Preschool Report Card

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PPS has THREE teacher “checkpoints” – you will receive TWO report cards in December and June.

**MyTeachingStrategies™**

Your child's name

Class / Grade: .....  
Teacher:  
School / Program: .

**Checkpoint 1 (CP1): Fall 2021/2022**  
Checkpoint 2 (CP2): Winter 2021/2022  
Checkpoint 3 (CP3): Spring 2021/2022  
Checkpoint 4 (CP4): Summer 2021/2022

E = Exceeding Expectations  
M = Meeting Expectations  
P = Progressing Toward Expectations

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This shows the rating scale teachers use for each objective. The ratings reflect the research based on the **widely held expectations** for each age band (3's or 4's)

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There are SIX main DOMAINS which are the areas of knowledge, skills and abilities the children are assessed in:

- Social-emotional
- Physical
- Language
- Cognitive
- Literacy
- Mathematics

Knowledge, skills, and abilities		CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	Assessment Comments
Social-Emotional						
2c	Interacts with peers	M				Currently, <input type="text"/> Uses successful strategies for entering groups <b>Next, <input type="text"/> will:</b> Begin to initiate, join in, and sustain positive interactions with a small group of two to three children
2d	Makes friends	M				Currently, <input type="text"/> is beginning to establish a special friendship with one other child, but the friendship might only last a short while <b>Next, <input type="text"/> will:</b> Establish a special friendship with one other child, but the friendship might only last a short while
Physical						
4	Demonstrates traveling skills	M				Currently, <input type="text"/> is beginning to coordinate increasingly complex movements in play and games <b>Next, <input type="text"/> will:</b> Coordinate increasingly complex movements in play and games

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Under the domains are the objectives for each area. Every objective is not assessed at every checkpoint but will be assessed at least twice in a year to show progress and growth.

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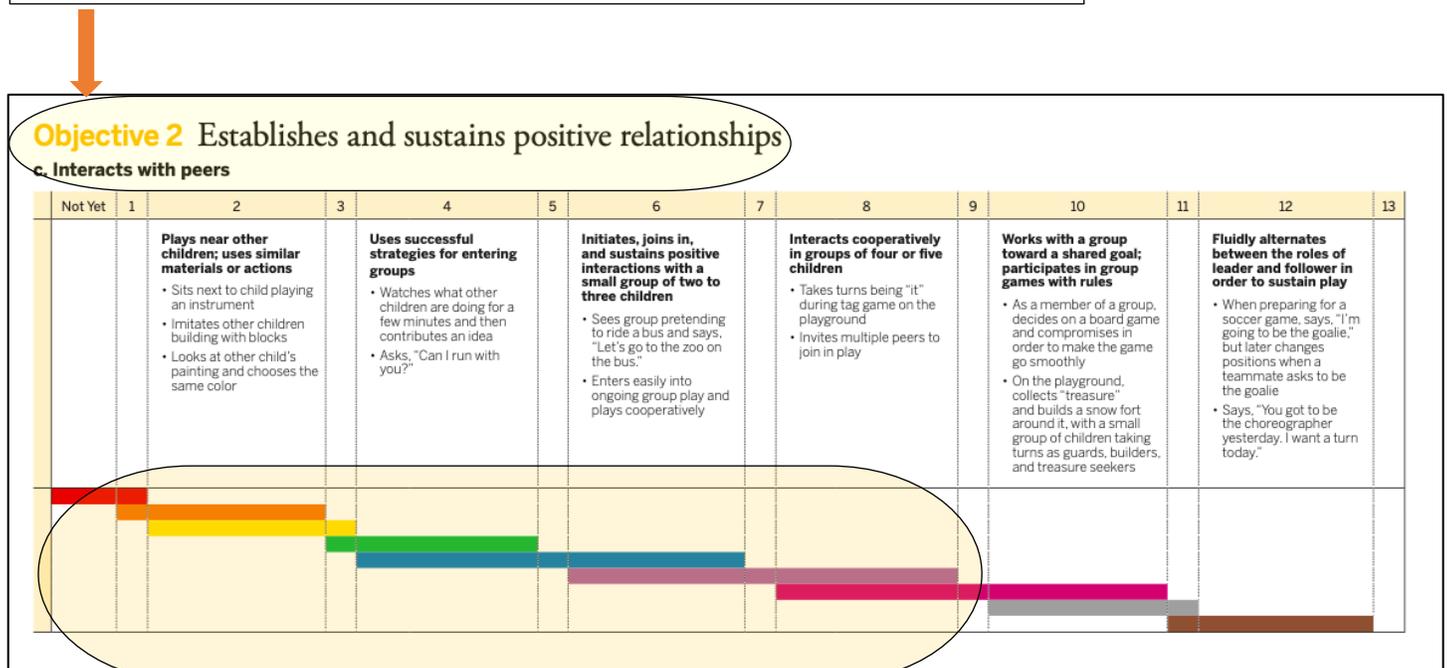
These comments provide language around what your child is currently able to do in this area/objective and what they will be working on to make continual progress.

## What does assessment look like in preschool?

When you hear the word “assessment” you may consider things like tests and quizzes. But, in preschool **assessment is more about observation and discussion**. Teachers create the classroom environment to support **authentic experiences grounded in rich and active play**. While children are engaged in these experiences, teachers **observe, interact, take notes**, and then compare what the child can do to the **widely held expectations** for their age. These observations are done daily without children ever really knowing they are being assessed!

Below is an example of how teachers use the widely held expectations to assess:

This is just one of the objectives under the “Social-Emotional” domain, looking at how children interact with peers. A teacher would observe children working with peers during centers, take notes, pictures or video to document then compare to the widely held expectations.



Color band = age

These bands of color represent ages and the “widely held expectations” of each age. (See the key to the right). The “widely held expectations” are grounded in early childhood research from birth to age 9. The color bands change depending upon the domain and objective (meaning “green” is not always level 3-4 like above).

For this objective:

- Notice there is an overlap of what 3- and 4-year-olds can do? this is common with many objectives!
- A child who is four would be “progressing towards expectations” (P) at levels 3 or below, “meeting expectations” (M) at levels 4 -6, and “exceeding expectations” (E) at levels 7 and above.**

Teachers must consider the child’s ability to be consistent and independent when demonstrating their skills, abilities, and knowledge.

RED = birth to 1 year

ORANGE = 1-2 years

YELLOW = 2-3 years

GREEN = 3-year-olds

BLUE = 4-year-olds

PURPLE = Kindergarten

PINK = 1st grade

GRAY = 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

BROWN = 3<sup>rd</sup> grade